



COMMUNICATOR

PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

Meets at 9:45 am on the second Tuesday of each Month
at the Uniting Church Hall, Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy.

Next Monthly Meeting:- Tuesday 12th July 2011

President:- Peter Dimsey

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Bowls Co-ordinator:- Les Hooke

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Appointed Officers for 2011-2012:

Auditor:- Jack O'Hara

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Probus is an association of active retirees who join together in clubs, to provide regular opportunities for them to keep their minds active, expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

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JULY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 12th. - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 25th. - Stroll - Pipemakers Park, Edgewater.

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 2nd. - Mental Health Research Institute, Parkville - Note date changed.

Tuesday 9th. - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 22nd. - Stroll

Tuesday 23rd. - City Sights Tour.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

AUGUST - Mulqueen Funeral Services— 'The Final Farewell'

JUNE SPEAKER

Our June speakers were Dave Kristy from John Holland and Emma Tranchina from Melbourne Water and the topic was the Northern Sewerage Project.

This \$670M project is building 12.5km of new tunnels to service an extra 90,000 homes in the northern suburbs.

Three Tunneling Boring Machines (TBM) are working on the project. In true tunneling tradition all have their own names. The smallest is "Julia" but still weighs in at 228t and is 93m long. It is a double shield hard rock TBM and comes from Robbins, USA, and cuts a 3m diameter tunnel. The other two TBM come from Germany. "Victoria" is a 3m diameter earth pressure balance TBM weighing 250t and is 92.5 metres long..

The 99 metre long, 300t "Gemma" is similar but cuts a 4m diameter tunnel. The TBMs start from three major vertical access drive shafts which operates 24/6 and have large acoustic enclosures for soundproofing. The TBMs head towards five other receiver shafts, three of which will be used to remove the TBMs for renovation for future projects somewhere in the world. Total of 367,814 tonnes of earth/rock has been removed. The tunnels are between 15 and 64 metres below ground and pass under approximately 2,500 properties. Ultimately, the sewerage will flow through 1.5m and 2.6m diameter Glass Fibre Reinforced Plastic Pipes and exit into the existing sewerage system.

Some members had questions about the foul odour emanating recently from the Bass Street shaft. Dave explained that this was caused by the breakdown of the Air-Treatment plant. This is being replaced and members passing should notice the improvement.

The interest in the subject can usually be gauged by the number of questions asked and this was no exception with a large amount of intelligent questions.

Members requiring any additional information can visit the Projects Website at www.nsp.net.au.

Duncan Forbes thanked Dave and Emma for their presentation and our President, Peter Dimsey, added his thanks before closing the meeting.



TREASURER'S REPORT & GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At the June meeting Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that with the inclusion of some late subscriptions our available funds at the end of May were a healthy \$1150.02. Also at the June meeting Ray Austin reported there were 53 members in attendance and 13 apologies.

Twelve members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

TEA ROSTER

JULY — Neil Pearce, Max Penaluna, Peter Pendlebury & Ken Pryor.

AUGUST — Reg Ratcliffe, John Reisenberg, Ken Roberts & Kevin Ryan.

BOWLS

There was no Bowls report but members should diary the Social Bowls Day in November at Federation Village. More details later.

COMMITTEE

The Committee was sad to report that Arthur Hazelden has tendered his resignation, this was accepted with regret. Arthur was an active member having joined the Club on 10th December 1991 and moved quickly into the role of Speaker Coordinator from 1993 to 1995. He then served as Treasurer from 1995 to 1997. This was followed by a sterling ten year commitment as Club Auditor from 1998 to 2008.

The President, Peter Dimsey reported further on Probus Central South Pacific's (PCSP) move to create a Membership Data Base requiring Clubs to provide a listing of members. They are requiring surname and first name, title, gender, address, phone number, email address and year of birth.

Some members had concerns with such information being supplied to PCSP and Peter has spoken to John Lewis, Rotary District Chairman, who thought that Name and Postcode was probably sufficient at this early stage. Discussion indicated that this seemed a reasonable compromise and was duly moved, seconded and carried.

Members who still have an issue with this (as name & postcode could easily enable address & phone number to be found) should contact Peter Dimsey and provide whatever information they wish to divulge, eg initials & postcode.

Peter advised that the "Probus Club Handbook" recommends that there shall be not more than 3 Life Members at any one time and the Committee supports this view. This was moved, seconded and carried on a show of hands.

A WORD OF ADVICE!

Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

(Reg Radcliffe)

OUTINGS

JUNE WEDNESDAY 15th. CROWN CASINO VISIT

A coach load of "hopeful gamblers" and others from both our Club and the Glenroy Ladies' Probus set out to enjoy an outing to Crown. A pleasant sunny day, a stroll along the river bank was very pleasant as well as the exercise walking from one end of the Casino to the other, viewing and sometimes playing on one of the machines. With \$5.00 for 1/2kg of prawns, this was a great attraction for shellfish lovers, plus a smorgasbord of delectable delights, dinner would not have been needed at home that night! No-one knows if there were any real winners! *(Barbara Darling)*

AUGUST TUESDAY 2nd - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE - MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE, PARKVILLE

Arrive at 10am at the MHRI in Oak St, Melways 29 C10. Park in the adjoining north-side car park. Cost \$5.00 payable at July meeting. Buy your own Senior's 3 course lunch (\$13.90) at the Moonee Valley Trackside Bistro, corner Wilson & Thomas Sts, Moonee Ponds, Melway 28 K6.

AUGUST TUESDAY 23rd - CITY SIGHTS TOUR.

Coach tour of Melbourne's famous sights and landmarks, including the old St James Cathedral, 19th Century homes in South Melbourne and then through the more affluent suburbs. Followed by a 2 course lunch at the Glasshouse Café, Caulfield Racecourse. Cost \$34.00 for 40 plus passengers. Names at July meeting to see if this is viable. *(John Darling)*

STROLLERS

JUNE MONDAY 27th - GAVAN PARK, PASCOE VALE

On a beautiful bright, calm morning 26 strollers assembled in the car park at Gavan Park in Northumberland Road. After the initial obligatory greetings and chat the stroll commenced along the Westbreen Creek. Many of the strollers remarked that they were unaware of the extent of the parkland in the area having driven past on many occasions and not noticed. At the northern end of the parklands we crossed the road and strolled along Austin Crescent and through the reserve then back to our cars. We then proceeded to the Pascoe Vale Hotel where an excellent lunch was enjoyed in the company of another three members.

JULY MONDAY 25th - PIPEMAKERS PARK & EDGEWATER

Meet in the car park at Pipemakers Park, off Van Ness Avenue refer to Melways Map 28 B10. Do not take the Museum Road but continue down to the carpark nearer the river. Please bring picnic lunch and chairs, etc.. Shelter and toilet is available. *(Charles Fyfe)*

THOUGHTS OF THE MONTH

- Everyone wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to die.
- Opportunity only knocks once. Temptation bangs on the door repeatedly.
- Keep your mouth shut and you will never bite off more than you can chew.
- Everyone likes a good loser. Especially when he's on the other side.
- By the time you are 80 years old, you've learned everything.
You only have to remember it.

Reg Ratcliffe